



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Holcombe, et al. ) Attorney reference: 36502-5  
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Title: CONTINUOUS PUSHER-TYPE FURNACING ) Conf. No.: 3720  
SYSTEM FOR THE PRODUCTION OF HIGH- )  
QUALITY BORON NITRIDE )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This communication is submitted with a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

Applicants respectfully request that the application be reconsidered in light of the following.

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